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פרופסר מרווין קאלב מהרוורד מבקש את עזרתך. ראה למטה, הדגשתי את השאלה הספציפית שלו:

ב-Apr 23, 2013, בשעה 21:27 Marvin Kalb <MKalb@brookings.edu> כתב/ה:

Dear Mr. Hantman:

I am Marvin Kalb, a guest scholar at Brookings, a professor emeritus at Harvard, a former journalist and someone who has known Ehud Barak for a long time. I am seeking his help weeks before my new book is published in early June. The book is called "The Road to War: Presidential Commitments Honored and Betrayed." Zbig Brzezinski, in an advance blurb, says that he recommends strongly that President Obama read Chapter 9.

In Chapter 9, I discuss US/Israeli relations and propose that these two close allies negotiate a mutual defense treaty, one with the other, as the concluding part of an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement, rather than continue to depend on a series of adhoc memos of understanding and private presidential letters, which has been the case up to this point. I am told that Barak as prime minister made this proposal to President Clinton at Camp David in 2000, that Clinton said yes, that the treaty began to be drafted, but that the whole effort collapsed when Arafat said no to an agreement with Israel.

My question for Minister Barak is a simple one: why did he propose a treaty, what was his understanding of Clinton's response, and does Barak think it makes sense now too?

Before my book is published, and before it is then distributed worldwide, I'd be grateful for his response so I can add it to my discussion of the treaty proposal. Time of course is always of the essence, so a quick response would be deeply appreciated. Please extend my warmest best wishes to Minister Barak.

Sincerely,

Marvin Kalb